

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

United States Court of Appeals  
Fifth Circuit

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February 15, 2018

Lyle W. Cayce  
Clerk

No. 17-10040

D.C. Docket No. 3:14-CV-3871

FORT WORTH 4TH STREET PARTNERS, L.P.; KSM MINERALS, L.L.C.;  
MOJITO ENERGY, L.L.C.; 4TH STREET MINERALS, L.L.C.; REILLY  
FAMILY MINERALS, L.L.C.,

Plaintiffs - Appellants

v.

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION; CHESAPEAKE OPERATING,  
L.L.C.; CHESAPEAKE EXPLORATION, L.L.C., as Successor by Merger to  
Chesapeake Exploration, L.P.; CHESAPEAKE LAND COMPANY, L.L.C.;  
CHESAPEAKE EXPLORATION, L.P.,

Defendants - Appellees

Appeal from the United States District Court for the  
Northern District of Texas

Before DENNIS, CLEMENT, and GRAVES, Circuit Judges.

J U D G M E N T

This cause was considered on the record on appeal and was argued by  
counsel.

It is ordered and adjudged that the judgment of the District Court is  
affirmed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that plaintiffs-appellants pay to  
defendants-appellees the costs on appeal to be taxed by the Clerk of this Court.



Certified as a true copy and issued  
as the mandate on Mar 09, 2018

Attest: *Lyle W. Cayce*  
Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

**NOTE: The Bill of Costs is due in this office *within 14 days from the date of the opinion, See FED. R. APP. P. & 5<sup>TH</sup> CIR. R. 39.* Untimely bills of costs must be accompanied by a separate motion to file out of time, which the court may deny.**

\_\_\_\_\_ v. \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

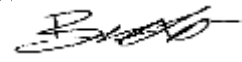
The Clerk is requested to tax the following costs against: \_\_\_\_\_

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Appellee's Brief								
Appellant's Reply Brief								
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Costs are hereby taxed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

State of \_\_\_\_\_  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

LYLE W. CAYCE, CLERK

By  Deputy Clerk

I \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby swear under penalty of perjury that the services for which fees have been charged were incurred in this action and that the services for which fees have been charged were actually and necessarily performed. A copy of this Bill of Costs was this day mailed to opposing counsel, with postage fully prepaid thereon. This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\*SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR RULES  
GOVERNING TAXATION OF COSTS

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)  
Attorney for \_\_\_\_\_

**39.1 Taxable Rates.** *The cost of reproducing necessary copies of the brief, appendices, or record excerpts shall be taxed at a rate not higher than \$0.15 per page, including cover, index, and internal pages, for any for of reproduction costs. The cost of the binding required by 5<sup>th</sup> CIR. R. 32.2.3 that mandates that briefs must lie reasonably flat when open shall be a taxable cost but not limited to the foregoing rate. This rate is intended to approximate the current cost of the most economical acceptable method of reproduction generally available; and the clerk shall, at reasonable intervals, examine and review it to reflect current rates. Taxable costs will be authorized for up to 15 copies for a brief and 10 copies of an appendix or record excerpts, unless the clerk gives advance approval for additional copies.*

**39.2 Nonrecovery of Mailing and Commercial Delivery Service Costs.** *Mailing and commercial delivery fees incurred in transmitting briefs are not recoverable as taxable costs.*

**39.3 Time for Filing Bills of Costs.** *The clerk must receive bills of costs and any objections within the times set forth in FED. R. APP. P. 39(D). See 5<sup>th</sup> CIR. R. 26.1.*

#### FED. R. APP. P. 39. COSTS

**(a) Against Whom Assessed.** The following rules apply unless the law provides or the court orders otherwise;

- (1) if an appeal is dismissed, costs are taxed against the appellant, unless the parties agree otherwise;
- (2) if a judgment is affirmed, costs are taxed against the appellant;
- (3) if a judgment is reversed, costs are taxed against the appellee;
- (4) if a judgment is affirmed in part, reversed in part, modified, or vacated, costs are taxed only as the court orders.

**(b) Costs For and Against the United States.** Costs for or against the United States, its agency or officer will be assessed under Rule 39(a) only if authorized by law.

**(c) Costs of Copies** Each court of appeals must, by local rule, fix the maximum rate for taxing the cost of producing necessary copies of a brief or appendix, or copies of records authorized by rule 30(f). The rate must not exceed that generally charged for such work in the area where the clerk's office is located and should encourage economical methods of copying.

**(d) Bill of costs: Objections; Insertion in Mandate.**

- (1) A party who wants costs taxed must – within 14 days after entry of judgment – file with the circuit clerk, with proof of service, an itemized and verified bill of costs.
- (2) Objections must be filed within 14 days after service of the bill of costs, unless the court extends the time.
- (3) The clerk must prepare and certify an itemized statement of costs for insertion in the mandate, but issuance of the mandate must not be delayed for taxing costs. If the mandate issues before costs are finally determined, the district clerk must – upon the circuit clerk's request – add the statement of costs, or any amendment of it, to the mandate.

**(e) Costs of Appeal Taxable in the District Court.** The following costs on appeal are taxable in the district court for the benefit of the party entitled to costs under this rule:

- (1) the preparation and transmission of the record;
- (2) the reporter's transcript, if needed to determine the appeal;
- (3) premiums paid for a supersedeas bond or other bond to preserve rights pending appeal; and
- (4) the fee for filing the notice of appeal.

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FIFTH CIRCUIT  
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March 09, 2018

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No. 17-10040 Fort Worth 4th Street Partners, et al v.  
Chesapeake Energy Corporation, et al  
USDC No. 3:14-CV-3871

Dear Ms. Mitchell,

Enclosed is a copy of the judgment issued as the mandate and a copy of the court's opinion.

Enclosed for the district court and counsel is the approved bill of costs.

Sincerely,

LYLE W. CAYCE, Clerk



By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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cc:

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